

Table 35
**PERSONS UNDER CALIFORNIA
 SENTENCE OF DEATH, 1978-2003**

Year(s)	Initial sentences	Total persons under sentence of death ^{1,2}
2003.....	22	639
2002.....	17	618
2001.....	25	610
2000.....	33	589
1999.....	42	558
1998.....	32	518
1997.....	40	493
1996.....	40	461
1995.....	38	426
1994.....	21	391
1993.....	34	374
1992.....	40	345
1991.....	26	305
1990.....	33	279
1989.....	33	247
1988.....	34	223
1987.....	25	203
1986.....	21	179
1985.....	16	159
1984.....	27	161
1983.....	35	143
1982.....	39	113
1981.....	39	80
1980.....	23	42
1979.....	20	25
1978.....	7	7

Source: California Appellate Project.

¹ Total persons under sentence of death on December 31 of each year. Persons with multiple California death sentences are counted once.

² The increase in the total number of persons under sentence of death from year-to-year will *not* equal the number of initial sentences reported each year. This is because, in addition to initial sentences, persons may be resentenced to death, no longer under sentence of death because of execution or death by other causes, removed pending retrial, resentenced to a penalty less than death, or freed.